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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

15 Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

S P E C I F I C A T I O N

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

20   IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND

RECORDING MEDIUM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an image processing apparatus, an image

processing method, and a recording medium which are suitable for synthesizing a hair

25 image expressed by computer graphics with a three-dimensional shape image of a head

part.

Conventionally, as a method for expressing human hair by computer graphics

(hereinafter abbreviated as CG), it is useful to take a method in which an entire hair

style is approximated to a polygon model, as shown in FIG. 1A, and a texture of hairs

30 is adhered to the model, or a method in which rendering is performed with use of an